(a) whether it is a fact that the residents of the four storey flats in 'J' Block M.I.G/L.I.G. flats in Ashok Vihar have not been getting proper water supply, sometimes getting water hardly for half-an-hour in a day, which is quite inadequate to meet their daily requirement, especially during summer seasons;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial steps Government propose to take to improve the water supply in 'J' Block of Ashok Vihar, so that if residents do not suffer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No Sir, Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has informed that water is supplied regularly for one and a half hours, both in the morning and in the evening, subject to availability of power, in the area.

(b) and (c) Not applicable in view of reply to (a) above.

Delay in Finalisation of Building Bye-Laws

298. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the contentious issue of revising Delhi's existing building bye-laws continues to simmer as politicians and town planner fail to reach a consensus over the proposed construction norms;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the building bye-laws are likely to be finalised and with what changes; and

(c) what are the recommendations of the Malhotra Committee in this regard and what action Government propose to take on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The GNCTD has reported that a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra was constituted on 9.12.95 to examine all aspects related to the building bye-laws, keeping in view the need and requirement of people of Delhi. The report of the Committee is awaited.

Delay in the Enforcement of the Delhi Rent (Control) Act, 1995

299. DR. B.B. DUTTA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have been delaying the enforcement of the Delhi Rent (Control) Act, 1995;

(b) whether Government have received representations in this regard;

(c) if so, what decision has been taken in this regard;

(d) whether Government have since made amendments in the said Act; and

(e) if so, by when the Act is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government has been receiving a large number of representations both from house-owners as well as tenants particulary trader tenants. While the tenants have been demanding changes in the provisions of the Act, the house-owners have been requesting for immediate enforcement of the Act.

(c) This issue was examined by the Government in various high level meetings including the Cabinet. The Government has decided to enforce the Act after effecting amendments to some of the provisions of the Act.